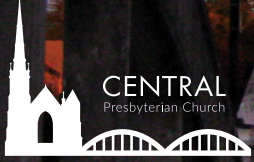


September / October 2023



CENTRAL
Presbyterian Church

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

While January 1st is technically the beginning of a new year, September is the month when major life changes more often take place. This year, 2 of our grandchildren are starting university with all of the excitement and nervousness that leaving home entails. The chance to start again offers an opportunity to change, to become more outgoing, or more assertive or kinder. The willingness to open yourself to new ideas, new ways of thinking, new people and new activities is essential to success in this new environment and the personal growth, even in just one year, is amazing. I am convinced that September offers a chance for new beginnings. Watching my grandchildren moving on makes me realize that I too have a chance to start something new or to take a risk, and, like the first-year students, I must be willing to move out of my comfort zone in order to grow. Am I up for the challenge? *Are you up for the challenge?*

DATES AND EVENTS

- Saturday, September 16th / **DOORS OPEN** / 10am - 4pm
- Saturday, October 7th / **KW SYMPHONY** / 8pm
- Wednesday, October 11th / **HYMN SING CAFÉ** / 2pm - 4pm
- Saturday October 14th / **MEN'S BREAKFAST** / 8am
- Sunday, October 22nd / **RACHEL'S HOME EVENT**
- Saturday, October 28th / **FRANKIE AND THE FAIRLANES** / 7pm

HYMN SING CAFÉ

Back again, the Hymn Sing Café gives us all a chance to sing our favourite old hymns and to hear some beautiful pieces sung by some of our own choir members. A chance to socialize with tea and cookies follows the sing-along.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED!

The men's breakfast and discussion event is slated for Saturday, October 14th at 8am. This monthly event provides an opportunity for the men of Central to socialize, listen to a speaker and eat a delicious breakfast. Bring your appetite!



IN MEMORIAM

LOUISA HENDERSON

August 22nd, 2023



MISTISSINI TRIP

Despite concerns about wildfires, **21 volunteers** from Central Church spent a week in Mistissini, a Cree community in Northern Quebec. Our youth volunteers became closer friends, cheered each other on, and showed great initiative as they helped lead a VBS day camp for local children. Experiences such as this help our children understand and appreciate another culture as they realize that everybody loves to be involved, to laugh, to play, and to learn.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Central's Vacation Bible School was a great success with **35 students** participating, thanks to the leadership of Kerri Beda. Six interns were hired for the summer: Julia Witzke, Abigail Ortiz, Matt Schmitt, Ruby Brown, Madison Haveman and Alina Lubansa. These students helped run the VBS program, Mistissini VBS day camp and shared their leadership skills over the summer.

A 'FRUITFUL' COLLECTION!

We surpassed our goal of 1700 cans. The final tally stood at **1887 cans of fruit** and was collected with thanks by the Cambridge Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity and for showing God's love to our community.

FRANKIE & THE FAIRLANES

Rock-and-roll is coming to Central Church on Saturday, October 28th, at 7pm! Relive the good old days when music had a beat and you lived to dance. Listen to the music of the 50s, 60s, and 70s as it transports you back to the "twist" and the "mashed potato". This show has met with acclaim and sold out shows across Ontario. Invite your friends to this fun fundraiser. Hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and "floats" will be available.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE ...

This annual fundraiser for Rachel's Home will run from October 8th until early November. This fundraiser provides food, vitamins and needed supplies for these orphans as well as supporting students receiving secondary school education.

